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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I chose an alternative provider because of the poor quality and expensive internet service available from AT&T. Their service was ridiculously slow and there were constant increases in the cost.

Any action by the FCC to enhance AT&T's ability to overcharge and provide low quality service should be resisted.

Broadband internet is crucial to both my business and my life style. The cost of bundled service from an alternative provider is less than 1/2 the cost of comparable AT&T offerings.

I will be moving to a more rural area soon where AT&T is again the most expensive option for broadband services and phone. AT&T must not be allowed to use government regulation to eliminate competition.

Please deny AT&T's petition to stifle competition.

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